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Nebraska Supreme Court to Codify Court Rules for Online Retrieval System

At the request of lawyers of this state, the Nebraska Supreme Court rules are undergoing a codification and numbering process designed to create a more efficient online retrieval system and an improved citation format.

The substance of the Supreme Court rules will not be changed by the codification process and, with a few minor exceptions for editing purposes, neither will the text of the rules. The title of several of the rules will be changed in this process, but principally this codification process only changes the organization of the rules through the application of a numbering system.

It is currently anticipated that as of July 18, 2008, after official adoption by the Nebraska Supreme Court, the existing version of the Nebraska Supreme Court rules will be removed from the Judicial Branch Web site and replaced with the newly codified version. The rules will be uploaded to the Web site in a PDF format and available in hardcopy through the Office of the Clerk of the Nebraska Supreme Court. The full set of rules will also ultimately be converted into an HTML version with user-friendly links to forms and other references items. Both PDF and HTML versions of the rules will be maintained on the Web site: www.supremecourt.ne.gov.

Format and Citation Changes

The new codified arrangement for the Supreme Court rules will be similar to the Nebraska Revised Statutes, using chapters, articles, and sections numbered and organized as an outline.

There will be six chapters in the code of rules. Each rule will be placed in its applicable chapter and renamed as an article in the chapter. There will be 42 articles (or rules) arranged within the six chapters. Each article will have its own sections within it. For example, rule 12 of the Nebraska Rules of Pleadings in Civil Cases is found in Chapter 6, Trial Courts, Article 11, Nebraska court rules of pleading in civil cases. This rule will be cited as Neb. Ct. R. Pldg. § 6-1112.

Upon adoption, the Nebraska Court Rules shall be cited as follows:

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| Chapter 2 | Neb. Ct. R. App. P. § |
| Chapter 3, Article 5 | Neb. Ct. R. of Prof. Cond. § |
| Chapter 5, Article 2 | Neb. Code of Judicial Conduct § |
| Chapter 6, Article 3 | Neb. Ct. R. Disc. § |
| Chapter 6, Article II | Neb. Ct. R. Pldg. § |
| All other rules shall be cited as | Neb. Ct. R. § |

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